

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

for the

Western District of North Carolina

United States of America)	
v.)	
ERIC WHEELER)	Case No: <u>4:96CR00053-002</u>
)	USM No: <u>14127-058</u>
Date of Previous Judgment: <u>3/7/2002 (amended)</u>)	None
(Use Date of Last Amended Judgment if Applicable))	Defendant's Attorney

Order Regarding Motion for Sentence Reduction Pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3582(c)(2)

Upon motion of ☒ the defendant ☐ the Director of the Bureau of Prisons ☐ the court under 18 U.S.C. § 3582(c)(2) for a reduction in the term of imprisonment imposed based on a guideline sentencing range that has subsequently been lowered and made retroactive by the United States Sentencing Commission pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 994(u), and having considered such motion,

IT IS ORDERED that the motion is:

☒ DENIED. ☐ GRANTED and the defendant's previously imposed sentence of imprisonment (as reflected in the last judgment issued) of _____ months **is reduced to** _____.

I. COURT DETERMINATION OF GUIDELINE RANGE (Prior to Any Departures)

Previous Offense Level: <u>42</u>	Amended Offense Level: <u>42</u>
Criminal History Category: <u>VI</u>	Criminal History Category: <u>VI</u>
Previous Guideline Range: <u>Life</u> to <u>Life</u> months	Amended Guideline Range: <u>Life</u> to <u>Life</u> months

II. SENTENCE RELATIVE TO AMENDED GUIDELINE RANGE

- ☐ The reduced sentence is within the amended guideline range.
- ☐ The previous term of imprisonment imposed was less than the guideline range applicable to the defendant at the time of sentencing as a result of a departure or Rule 35 reduction, and the reduced sentence is comparably less than the amended guideline range.
- ☒ Other (explain): No reduction recommended due to statutory mandatory minimum sentence of life imprisonment. Additionally, Amendment 706 does not provide a reduction in cases which involve more than 4.5 kilograms of cocaine base; this offense involved 35 to 70 kilograms of cocaine base.

III. ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

The defendant is also serving a consecutive sentence of 60 months in Count Eleven for a violation of 18 U.S.C. § 924(c).

Except as provided above, all provisions of the judgment dated 3/7/2002 shall remain in effect.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Order Date: July 30, 2009

Effective Date: _____
(if different from order date)



Lacy H. Thornburg
United States District Judge

